

Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
Air Permit Manager
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193



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NOVA Region
Air Quality

Dear Air Board-

This letter is to let you know I support the stack merge permit for the Potomac River Generating Station. Mirant Power has spent millions of dollars in upgrades to reduce emissions. The plant meets the federal and state regulations. Therefore, I am having a hard time understanding why you would want to deny a permit for them to improve the air quality by adding a better system that will ensure an even higher quality of air.

I have lived in Alexandria since 1989, and I have seen this city grow. In addition with growth comes an increase in pollution, which causes a problem. Mirant Power took the step to improve on the power plant and the necessary upgrades. I'm sure many companies who come in and take over other companies do not care that much. It is wrong to stop improvements because it is not what you want to happen.

Both the Alexandria City Council and the Virginia Air Board need to rethink their decision and let the stack merge permit go through. Mirant Power has done their part, now it is your turn. Thank you in advance for your support.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard Ahart".
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